**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—No.

Government are not in possession of the facts required for furnishing the information.

**Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—I need not make any comment on that, it is quite clear.

**President.**—What is it that you want? You made some side remarks which I was not able to catch.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—May I just bring to the Member's notice that the questions and answers need not be repeated?

**Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Am I to read the answers, Sir?

**President.**—What is it that you want in respect of the questions and the answers already furnished?

368. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that since of late the Imperial Bank authorities have placed all goods on which they have a lien in charge of a custodian of the Bank on the Mill premises?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—Government have no information.

**Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Has the Government instituted inquiries?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—No, Sir. There is no necessity to inquire.

**Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—No necessity?

**President.**—No inquiries have been instituted.

## Auction in Palappilli.

369. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state how many times auctions were held of wind-fallen trees in Palappilli in the years 1102 and 1103; what is the species of timber and what is the average price realised per candy of timber;

(b) was one Karinthakara (കരിന്തകര) in Palappilli Teak Plantation sold separately in auction in 1103, and what is the amount realised per candy;

(c) were trees standing in the Palappilli Teak Plantation felled by the Forest Department sold in 1103; if so, to whom and what was the rate per candy;

(d) who were the applicants for the purchase, and what were their rates?

**Mr. K. Govinda Menon.**—(a) No auctions were held.

(b) Yes. Rs. 13—8—0 per candy.

(c) 2,226 teak saplings were thinned out of some of the old Palappilli Teak Plantations, and these were sold in public auction for a sum of Rs. 13,858. Since the saplings are not sold on candy measurement, but in lots, the rate per candy cannot

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be given. 340 marked junglewood trees also were sold to one Keelath Govindan Nayar from these plantations at the seigniorage rates for timber and fuel at 12 annas a cart-load.

(d) Teak saplings were sold in public auction and in all 51 persons bid in auction and Rs. 13,858 realised. For the junglewood only one offer, Keelath Govindan Nayar. In 1103 only the value of 50 cart-loads of fuel and candies 10-17-23-15½ of Elavu and Cheeni, *viz.*, Rs. 37—8—0 and 10—12—0 or Rs. 48—4—0 was realised.

## Complaints against the Kunnamkulam Police.

**370. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**— Will the Government be pleased to peruse the judgment in Calendar Case No. 318 of 1103 on the file of the 2nd Class Magistrate of Trichur in which the complainant is Sirkar, Kunnamkulam Police Station Cr. 39 of 1103 and state:—

(1) whether it is mentioned in it "Another petition containing almost the same allegations but duly stamped was presented by A3 in person on 13th Medam 1103 to the Talappalli Magistrate who forwarded it for remarks to the Kunnamkulam Sub-Inspector, P. W1, with instructions to see that A3 was not forcibly evicted from his residence, vide Ex. C." No action was taken upon that petition by the police for the next few days;

(2) what is the reason for not taking any action by the police for the next few days on a petition forwarded by the Magistrate for remarks;

(3) whether any explanation has been taken from the police for so neglecting the Magistrate's order, and if so, will it be placed on the Table; and if no explanation has been taken, what is the reason for not doing so;

(4) whether any explanation will now be called for in view of the judgment of the case;

(5) whether it is also stated in the course of the judgment "it would be seen from the above that the evidence adduced to bring home the charge to the accused is highly interested, conflicting, and against all probabilities. I do not, therefore, think it worthy of being acted upon. The prosecution evidence is, in my view, extremely shabby and utterly insufficient to warrant a conviction of the accused if unrebutted for any offence;" and in view of these remarks

(6) whether any explanation has been taken from the police at Kunnamkulam for promoting or instituting such a complaint; and if not, why not; whether any explanation will now be called for, and if not, why not;

(7) what is the total expenses of the Government including travelling allowance, etc., paid as a result of this case;

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